

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A fly fishing rod ~~including comprising~~ a rod shaft having a tip end and a proximal end; a handgrip disposed at an ~~inner~~ proximate to the proximal end of said rod shaft, said rod shaft having a rear portion extending past said handgrip for allowing a reel to be removably mounted thereto, ~~distanced rearwardly~~ from said handgrip;
a sleeve like adapter ~~engaged secured~~ over said shaft rear portion, said adapter being formed with an engaging locking means, the sleeve like adapter having an outer face with a diameter d1 at a first end, proximate to the proximal end of the rod shaft; and
a hollow cylindrical reel seat having an outer face adapted to receive the reel, the reel seat defining a cavity therein, the reel being securable to the outer face of the reel seat, over the cavity, the cavity having a diameter d2 wider than the diameter d1 allowing said reel seat adapter to be slidably inserted over said adapter into said cavity by first inserting the first end of said adapter, and formed with an said reel seat having an engageable member arranged to be engaged engageable withby said engaging locking means when sliding the reel seat over the adapter for releasably connecting securing said reel seat to said adapter rod shaft with said reel seat holding the reel and the reel seat being to be removable therefrom the adapter as a single unit with the reel by disengaging said engageable member from said engaging locking means, thereby allowing said reel and said reel seat to be mounted to and dismounted from said adapter secured over said rod shaft.
2. (currently amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein said engageable member comprises a stud extending formed inwardly into the cavity of said cylindrical reel seat.
3. (previously amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 2, wherein said engaging locking means of said adapter is in the form of a groove shaped to receive said stud.

4. (currently amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 3, wherein said groove has a J-shape with a longitudinal portion followed by a transversal portion, so that when slidingly engaging said reel seat over said sleeve like adapter said stud advances through said longitudinal portion until reaching said transversal portion when said reel seat is rotated to cause said stud to engage said transversal portion thereby locking said reel seat to said adapter, securing the reel seat in a single predetermined position on the rod shaft.

5. (original) The fly fishing rod according to claim 4, wherein said transversal portion is adapted to lock said stud therein by friction means.

6. (currently amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, which the reel seat comprises handle means extending outwardly from the outer face associated with said reel seat to for rotate-rotating the latter for locking or unlocking the reel seat to said adapter and manipulate-manipulating it when removed from the rod shaft.

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A kit for mounting a reel to a fly fishing rod having a rod shaft, comprising:

a sleeve-like adapter engageable-securable over the rod shaft and having an engaging locking means, the sleeve-like adapter having an outer face with a diameter d1 at a first end; and

a reel seat defining a cavity, the cavity having a diameter d2 wider than the diameter d1, the sleeve-like adapter being slidable-slidably insertable into the cavity of the reel seat by first inserting the first end of the adapter into the cavity, over said adapter and the reel seat having an engageable member adapted to be engaged-engaged with the engageable locking means when sliding the reel seat over mounting the reel seat to the adapter, the reel seat having an outer face, the outer face of the reel seat having reel fasteners for removably securing the reel thereto over the cavity, being adapted to mount the reel thereto thereby allowing the reel to be engaged to and removed from the rod shaft by respectively engaging and disengaging the reel seat to the adapter.

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A kit according to claim ~~11~~10, wherein the engageable member comprises a stud ~~formed extending inwardly into the cavity of the cylindrical reel seat~~.

13. (currently amended) A kit according to claim 12, wherein the engaging locking means of said adapter ~~is comprises~~ a groove shaped to receive said stud.

14. (currently amended) A kit according to claim 13, wherein said groove is L-shape and has a longitudinal portion followed by a transversal portion, so that when sliding said reel seat over said sleeve like adapter said stud advances through said longitudinal portion until reaching said transversal portion when said reel seat is rotated to cause said stud to engage said transversal portion thereby locking said reel seat to said adapter, securing the reel seat in a single predetermined position on the rod shaft.

15. (previously presented) A kit according to claim 14, wherein said transversal portion is adapted to lock said stud therein by friction means.

16. (currently amended) A kit according to claim ~~11~~10, which comprises handle means ~~associated with extending outwardly from said reel seat to rotate for rotating the latter for locking or unlocking the reel seat to said adapter and manipulate manipulating it when removed from the rod shaft~~.

17. (previously presented) A kit according to claim 16, wherein said handle means is wing shaped and laterally positioned relatively to said rod shaft when the reel seat is mounted thereto.

18. (canceled)

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A fly fishing rod ~~including comprising~~ a rod shaft; a handgrip disposed ~~at an inner end of on~~ said rod shaft, said rod shaft having a front portion and a rear portion respectively extending frontwardly and rearwardly past said handgrip, the rear portion for allowing a reel to be removably mounted thereto, distanced rearwardly from said handgrip; a sleeve like adapter secured over said shaft rear portion, the sleeve like adapter having an outer face with a first end having a diameter d1, said adapter being formed with an engaging locking means; and a hollow cylindrical reel seat having an outer face adapted to

receive the reel being securable to the outer face of the reel seat, said reel seat defining a cavity having a diameter d2 wider than the diameter d1, the reel seat being slidable over said adapter, the first end of the adapter being first inserted into the cavity of the reel seat, and the reel seat being formed with an engageable member arranged to be engaged by said engaging locking means when sliding said reel seat over the adapter, the engagement of the engageable member and the engaging locking means for releasably connecting securing said reel seat to said adapter with said reel seat holding the reel and to be removed therefrom as a single unit with the reel by disengaging said engageable member from said engaging locking means, thereby allowing said reel and said reel seat to be mounted to and dismounted from said adapter.

21. (new) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the reel is removably securable to the outer face of the reel seat.

22. (new) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the adapter entirely covers the rear portion and the proximal end of the rod shaft.

23. (new) The fly fishing rod according to claim 20, wherein the reel is removably securable to the outer face of the reel seat over the cavity.